

Amendments to the Claims

Please add claims 6-107 to the application. The following is a listing of all claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Original) A hair sewing fastener comprising:

two needle members having a first tapered tip end for placing and leading into said hair, and a second end with a hole in the side of said second end;

a resilient band attached toward said second end of each said needle;

a fastening latch means on said needle members toward said second end for attaching and releasing said band to and from said needles;

each said latch comprises: a separate button member with a hole in a side of each said button member; said button member mates to said needle member by placing said button member into an opening in said needle member with a spring intermediate said button member and said needle member; and, said needle member and said button member have a fastening means for holding said button member to said needle member;

whereby said band can be attached to said needles by pressing said buttons until said holes in said buttons align with said holes in said needle members and placing an end of said band into each said aligned holes; said band can be sewn to said hair, said needles can be placed into said hair to secure; and said needles and said band can be removed from the said hair by releasing said band ends from said fastening latch means.

2. (Original) A hair sewing fastener comprising:

a needle member having a first tapered tip end for placing and leading into said hair, and a second end;

a band with a first end and a second end with said first end integrally and permanently attached toward said second end of said first needle member;

a second needle member with a first tapered tip end for placing and leading into said hair, and a second end;

a fastening latch means on said second needle toward said second end at a substantial distance from said first end for attaching and releasing said second band end to and from said second end of said second needle;

whereby said first needle can be placed in said hair, said second needle and band can be sewn through said hair, said second needle can be placed in said hair to secure, and said fastener is reusable and removable by pulling said second band end from said needle by taking off said band from said latch.

3. (Original) A method of securing hair comprising:

selecting a hair sewing fastener comprising:

a needle member with a tapered first end and a second end with an elongated looped band attached by a latch means on said needle toward said second end; each said latch comprises a latch member hinged to said needle member with a connection means for releasably connecting said latch member to said needle member;

placing said first tapered end of said needle into hair;

placing a free end of said band onto said tapered first end of said needle;

pulling said needle through said band;

sewing said needle and said band through hair;

securing said needle into hair;

whereby a person's hair is sewn and said needle and said band are easily removable and reusable by releasing said band from said latch.

4. (Original) A method of securing hair comprising:

selecting a hair sewing fastener comprising:

a first needle member and a second needle member with each end of an elastic band permanently attached toward the end, but not coming out directly from the end, of each needle;

placing said first needle in said hair and leaving it in place with said first needle end sticking out of one side of said hair section and said second needle end sticking out another side of said hair section;

wrapping said band around and around said first needle by placing it around said first end of said First needle and then around said second end of said First needle and repeating; and, placing said second needle into said hair to secure.

5. (Original) A hair sewing fastener comprising:

two needle members having a first tapered tip end for placing and leading into said hair, and a second end;

a resilient band attached toward said second end of each said needle;

a fastening latch means on said needle members toward said second end for attaching and releasing said band to and from said needles;

each said latch comprises a latch member hinged to said needle member with a connecting means for releasably connecting said latch member to said needle member;

whereby said band can be attached to said needles by placing an end of said band into each said latch and closing said latch; said band can be sewn to said hair, said needles can be placed into said hair to secure; and said needles and said band can be removed from the said hair by releasing said band ends from said fastening latch means.

6. (New) An apparatus for sewing hair, comprising:

a first needle member;

a second needle member;

a resilient band configured to be coupled to the first needle member and the second needle member;

a fastener means located on the first needle member, wherein the fastener means is configured to couple the resilient band to the first needle member at a fixed location on the first needle member, and wherein the fastener means is further configured to allow the resilient band to be uncoupled from the first needle member; and

wherein the resilient band can be sewn into the hair, wherein the first needle member and the second needle member can be placed into the hair to secure the hair, and wherein the first needle member, the second needle member, and the resilient band can be removed from the hair by uncoupling the resilient band from the first needle member.

7. (New) The apparatus of claim 6, wherein the fastener means comprises a hinged latch.

8. (New) The apparatus of claim 6, wherein the fastener means comprises an eye on the first needle member, and wherein the eye comprises a notch that allows the resilient band to be placed into and removed from the eye.

9. (New) The apparatus of claim 6, wherein the fastener means comprises a notch on the first needle member.

10. (New) The apparatus of claim 6, wherein the fastener means comprises a dimple on the first needle member.

11. (New) The apparatus of claim 6, wherein the fastener means comprises a ridge on the first needle member.

12. (New) The apparatus of claim 6, wherein the fastener means comprises a spring latch.

13. (New) The apparatus of claim 12, wherein the spring latch comprises a first hole on the first needle member, wherein the spring latch further comprises a button member having a second hole and coupled to the first needle member through a spring, and wherein the resilient band is coupled to the first needle member by aligning the first hole and the second hole by depressing the button member against the spring and placing the resilient band through the first and second holes, then releasing the button member so that the first and second holes are unaligned and the resilient band is secured between the first needle member and the button member.

14. (New) The apparatus of claim 6, wherein the fastener means comprises a permanent attachment between the resilient band and the first needle member.
15. (New) The apparatus of claim 6, wherein the resilient band comprises a looped resilient band.
16. (New) The apparatus of claim 6, wherein the resilient band is permanently attached to the second needle member.
17. (New) The apparatus of claim 6, further comprising a second fastener means located on the second needle member, wherein the second fastener means is configured to couple the resilient band to the second needle member at a fixed location on the second needle member, and wherein the second fastener means is further configured to allow the resilient band to be uncoupled from the second needle member.
18. (New) The apparatus of claim 17, wherein the second fastener means comprises a hinged latch.
19. (New) The apparatus of claim 17, wherein the second fastener means comprises an eye on the second needle member, and wherein the eye comprises a notch that allows the resilient band to be placed into and removed from the eye.
20. (New) The apparatus of claim 17, wherein the second fastener means comprises a notch on the second needle member.
21. (New) The apparatus of claim 17, wherein the second fastener means comprises a dimple on the second needle member.
22. (New) The apparatus of claim 17, wherein the second fastener means comprises a ridge on the second needle member.

23. (New) The apparatus of claim 17, wherein the second fastener means comprises a spring latch.
24. (New) The apparatus of claim 23, wherein the spring latch comprises a first hole on the second needle member, wherein the spring latch further comprises a button member having a second hole and coupled to the second needle member through a spring, and wherein the resilient band is coupled to the second needle member by aligning the first hole and the second hole by depressing the button member against the spring and placing the resilient band through the first and second holes, then releasing the button member so that the first and second holes are unaligned and the resilient band is secured between the second needle member and the button member.
25. (New) The apparatus of claim 17, wherein the second fastener means comprises a permanent attachment between the resilient band and the second needle member.
26. (New) The apparatus of claim 6, wherein the first needle member comprises a tapered end.
27. (New) The apparatus of claim 6, wherein the first needle member comprises a first tapered end and a second end, wherein the fixed location on the first needle member is closer to the second end than to the first tapered end.
28. (New) The apparatus of claim 6, wherein the second needle member comprises a tapered end.
29. (New) The apparatus of claim 6, wherein the second needle member comprises a first tapered end and a second end, wherein the resilient band is configured to be coupled to the second needle member closer to the second end than to the first tapered end.
30. (New) The apparatus of claim 6, wherein the first needle member comprises plastic.

31. (New) The apparatus of claim 6, wherein the second needle member comprises plastic.

32. (New) The apparatus of claim 6, wherein the first needle member is configured to be moved through the hair.

33. (New) The apparatus of claim 6, wherein the second needle member is configured to be moved through the hair.

34. (New) An apparatus for sewing hair, comprising:

a first needle member;

a resilient band permanently attached to the first needle member;

a second needle member, wherein the second needle member is configured to be coupled and uncoupled from the resilient band; and

wherein the resilient band can be sewn into the hair, wherein the first needle member and the second needle member can be placed into the hair to secure the hair, and wherein the first needle member, the second needle member, and the resilient band can be removed from the hair by uncoupling the resilient band from the second needle member.

35. (New) The apparatus of claim 34, wherein the second needle member comprises a tapered first end, and wherein the second needle member is configured to allow a portion of the resilient band to be slid along a length of the second needle member from the tapered first end towards a second end of the second needle member until the portion of the resilient band fits snugly on the second needle member so that the resilient band is coupled to the second needle member.

36. (New) The apparatus of claim 34, further comprising a fastener means located on the second needle member, wherein the fastener means is configured to couple the resilient band to the second needle member at a fixed location on the second needle member, and wherein the fastener means is further configured to allow the resilient band to be uncoupled from the second needle member.

37. (New) The apparatus of claim 36, wherein the fastener means comprises a hinged latch.
38. (New) The apparatus of claim 34, wherein the resilient band comprises a looped resilient band.
39. (New) The apparatus of claim 34, wherein the resilient band is permanently attached to the second needle member.
40. (New) The apparatus of claim 34, wherein the first needle member comprises a tapered end.
41. (New) The apparatus of claim 34, wherein the first needle member comprises a first tapered end and a second end, wherein the resilient band is permanently attached to the first needle member closer to the second end than to the first tapered end.
42. (New) The apparatus of claim 34, wherein the second needle member comprises a tapered end.
43. (New) The apparatus of claim 34, wherein the second needle member comprises a first tapered end and a second end, wherein the resilient band is configured to be coupled to the second needle member closer to the second end than to the first tapered end.
44. (New) The apparatus of claim 34, wherein the first needle member comprises plastic.
45. (New) The apparatus of claim 34, wherein the second needle member comprises plastic.
46. (New) The apparatus of claim 34, wherein the first needle member is configured to be moved through the hair.

47. (New) The apparatus of claim 34, wherein the second needle member is configured to be moved through the hair.

48. (New) An apparatus for sewing hair, comprising:

a resilient band configured to be coupled to and uncoupled from a first needle member and a second needle member;

the first needle member having an eye with a notch that allows the resilient band to be placed into the eye to couple the resilient band to the first needle member and allows the resilient band to be removed from the eye to uncouple the resilient band from the first needle member;

the second needle member having an eye with a notch that allows the resilient band to be placed into the eye to couple the resilient band to the second needle member and allows the resilient band to be removed from the eye to uncouple the resilient band from the second needle member; and

wherein the resilient band can be sewn into the hair, wherein the first needle member and the second needle member can be placed into the hair to secure the hair, and wherein the first needle member, the second needle member, and the resilient band can be removed from the hair by uncoupling the resilient band from the first needle member or the second needle member.

49. (New) The apparatus of claim 48, wherein the resilient band comprises a looped resilient band.

50. (New) The apparatus of claim 48, wherein the first needle member comprises a tapered end.

51. (New) The apparatus of claim 48, wherein the first needle member comprises a first tapered end and a second end, wherein the eye on the first needle member is located closer to the second end than to the first tapered end.

52. (New) The apparatus of claim 48, wherein the second needle member comprises a tapered end.

53. (New) The apparatus of claim 48, wherein the second needle member comprises a first tapered end and a second end, wherein the eye on the second needle member is located closer to the second end than to the first tapered end.

54. (New) The apparatus of claim 48, wherein the first needle member comprises plastic.

55. (New) The apparatus of claim 48, wherein the second needle member comprises plastic.

56. (New) The apparatus of claim 48, wherein the first needle member is configured to be moved through the hair.

57. (New) The apparatus of claim 48, wherein the second needle member is configured to be moved through the hair.

58. (New) An apparatus for sewing hair, comprising:

a single needle member;

a resilient band configured to be coupled to the single needle member;

a fastener means located on the single needle member, wherein the fastener means is configured to allow the resilient band to be coupled and uncoupled from the single needle member; and

wherein the resilient band can be sewn into the hair, wherein the single needle member can be placed into the hair to secure the hair, and wherein the single needle member and the resilient band can be removed from the hair by uncoupling the resilient band from the single needle member.

59. (New) The apparatus of claim 58, wherein the fastener means is configured to couple the resilient band to the single needle member at a fixed location on the single needle member.

60. (New) The apparatus of claim 58, wherein the fastener means comprises a hinged latch.

61. (New) The apparatus of claim 58, wherein the fastener means comprises an eye on the needle member, and wherein the eye comprises a notch that allows the resilient band to be placed into the eye and removed from the eye.

62. (New) The apparatus of claim 58, wherein the fastener means comprises a notch on the needle member.

63. (New) The apparatus of claim 58, wherein the fastener means comprises a dimple on the needle member.

64. (New) The apparatus of claim 58, wherein the fastener means comprises a ridge on the needle member.

65. (New) The apparatus of claim 58, wherein the fastener means comprises a spring latch.

66. (New) The apparatus of claim 65, wherein the spring latch comprises a first hole on the single needle member, wherein the spring latch further comprises a button member having a second hole and coupled to the single needle member through a spring, and wherein the resilient band is coupled to the single needle member by aligning the first hole and the second hole by depressing the button member against the spring and placing the resilient band through the first and second holes, then releasing the button member so that the first and second holes are unaligned and the resilient band is secured between the single needle member and the button member.

67. (New) The apparatus of claim 58, wherein the resilient band comprises a looped resilient band.

68. (New) The apparatus of claim 58, wherein the single needle member comprises a tapered end.

69. (New) The apparatus of claim 58, wherein the single needle member comprises a first tapered end and a second end, wherein the resilient band is configured to be coupled to the single needle member closer to the second end than to the first tapered end.

70. (New) The apparatus of claim 58, wherein the single needle member comprises plastic.

71. (New) The apparatus of claim 58, wherein the single needle member is configured to be moved through the hair.

72. (New) A method of securing a section of hair, comprising:

placing a first needle member behind a section of hair with a first end of the first needle member sticking out of one side of the hair section and a second end of the first needle member sticking out of the other side of the hair section;

wrapping an elastic band around the first needle member by placing the elastic band around the first end of the first needle member and then around the second end of the first needle member more than once, wherein the elastic band is permanently attached to an end of the first needle member and an end of a second needle member; and

placing the second needle member into the hair to secure the section of hair.

73. (New) The method of claim 72, further comprising selecting a hair fastener means, wherein the hair fastener means comprises the first needle member, the second needle member, and the elastic band.

74. (New) The method of claim 72, further comprising removing the first needle member, the second needle member, and the elastic band from the hair to unsecure the section of hair.

75. (New) A method of securing a section of hair, comprising:

placing a first needle member behind a section of hair with a first end of the first needle member sticking out of one side of the hair section and a second end of the first needle member sticking out of the other side of the hair section;

wrapping an elastic band around the first needle member by placing the elastic band around the first end of the first needle member and then around the second end of the first needle member more than once, wherein the elastic band is permanently attached to an end of the first needle member; and

placing a second needle member into the hair to secure the section of hair, wherein the second needle member is coupled to the elastic band.

76. (New) The method of claim 75, further comprising selecting a hair fastener means, wherein the hair fastener means comprises the first needle member, the second needle member, and the elastic band.

77. (New) The method of claim 75, further comprising removing the first needle member, the second needle member, and the elastic band from the hair to release the section of hair.

78. (New) The method of claim 75, further comprising uncoupling the second needle member from the elastic band to release the section of hair.

79. (New) The method of claim 75, further comprising coupling the elastic band to the second needle member.

80. (New) The method of claim 75, further comprising coupling the elastic band to the second needle member using a fastener means.

81. (New) The method of claim 75, wherein the first needle member comprises a first tapered end and a second end, and wherein the elastic band is attached to the first needle member closer to the second end than to the first tapered end.

82. (New) The method of claim 75, wherein the second needle member comprises a first tapered end and a second end, the method further comprising coupling the elastic band to the second needle member closer to the second end than to the first tapered end.

83. (New) A method of securing a section of hair, comprising:

coupling an elastic band to a first needle member at a fixed location on the first needle member using a fastener means located on the first needle member;

placing the first needle member behind a section of hair with a first end of the first needle member sticking out of one side of the hair section and a second end of the first needle member sticking out of the other side of the hair section;

wrapping the elastic band around the first needle member by placing the elastic band around the first end of the first needle member and then around the second end of the first needle member more than once; and

placing a second needle member into the hair to secure the section of hair, wherein the second needle member is coupled to the elastic band.

84. (New) The method of claim 83, further comprising selecting a hair fastener means, wherein the hair fastener means comprises the first needle member, the second needle member, and the elastic band.

85. (New) The method of claim 83, wherein the fastener means comprises a hinged latch, and wherein coupling the elastic band to the first needle member comprises securing the elastic band in the hinged latch.

86. (New) The method of claim 83, wherein the fastener means comprises an eye with a notch on the first needle member, and wherein coupling the elastic band to the first needle member comprises placing the elastic band through the notch and securing the elastic band in the eye.

87. (New) The method of claim 83, wherein the fastener means comprises a notch on the first needle member, and wherein coupling the elastic band to the first needle member comprises securing the elastic band in the notch.

88. (New) The method of claim 83, wherein the fastener means comprises a dimple on the first needle member, and wherein coupling the elastic band to the first needle member comprises securing the elastic band in the dimple.

89. (New) The method of claim 83, wherein the fastener means comprises a ridge on the first needle member, and wherein coupling the elastic band to the first needle member comprises securing the elastic band over the ridge.

90. (New) The method of claim 83, wherein the fastener means comprises a spring latch on the first needle member, wherein the spring latch comprises a first hole on the first needle member and a button member having a second hole, and wherein coupling the elastic band to the first needle member comprises:

aligning the first hole and the second hole by depressing the button member;

placing the elastic band through the aligned holes; and

releasing the button member so that the first and second holes are unaligned and the elastic band is secured between the first needle member and the button member.

91. (New) The method of claim 83, wherein the second needle member is permanently attached to the elastic band.

92. (New) The method of claim 83, further comprising coupling the elastic band to the second needle member.

93. (New) The method of claim 83, further comprising coupling the elastic band to the second needle member at a fixed location on the second needle member using a second fastener means.

94. (New) The method of claim 83, further comprising uncoupling the first needle member from the elastic band to release the section of hair.

95. (New) The method of claim 83, further comprising uncoupling the second needle member from the elastic band to release the section of hair.

96. (New) The method of claim 83, wherein the first needle member comprises a first tapered end and a second end, and wherein the elastic band is coupled to the first needle member closer to the second end than to the first tapered end.

97. (New) The method of claim 83, wherein the second needle member comprises a first tapered end and a second end, the method further comprising coupling the elastic band to the second needle member closer to the second end than to the first tapered end.

98. (New) A method of securing a section of hair, comprising:

coupling an elastic band to a first needle member by placing the elastic band through a notch and into an eye located on the first needle member;

placing the first needle member behind a section of hair with a first end of the first needle member sticking out of one side of the hair section and a second end of the first needle member sticking out of the other side of the hair section;

wrapping the elastic band around the first needle member by placing the elastic band around the first end of the first needle member and then around the second end of the first needle member more than once; and

placing a second needle member into the hair to secure the section of hair, wherein the second needle member is coupled to the elastic band.

99. (New) The method of claim 98, further comprising selecting a hair fastener means, wherein the hair fastener means comprises the first needle member, the second needle member, and the elastic band.

100. (New) The method of claim 98, wherein the second needle member is permanently attached to the elastic band.